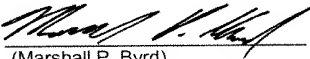


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Dear Madam:

Applicants filed a petition on May 16, 2008 in relation to the above identified U.S. patent application which issued as U.S. Patent No. 7,205,120 on April 17, 2007. It is respectfully requested that the representative named below be advised of the status of the petition with respect to the above-identified patent. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive a decision regarding the petition.

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